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For Immediate Release:

EIU ACCOUNTING PROGRAM WINS ACCREDITATION

CHARLESTON – Eastern Illinois University's accounting program, offered through the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences, recently received accreditation by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International.

Although there are approximately 1,200 colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada that grant degrees in accounting, only 163 programs are recognized by the AACSB International as achieving the highest standards of academic excellence in accounting education.

In order to be selected for membership in this elite group, the EIU accounting program underwent a rigorous, thorough and comprehensive review by faculty and administrators from other universities.

Accreditation by AACSB International provides assurance that EIU's accounting program has carefully constructed its mission, objectives and strategies for guiding its faculty, students and operations; selects, supports and produces outstanding graduates; delivers high quality undergraduate and graduate degree programs; offers comprehensive and relevant curricula; and contributes to accounting knowledge through active research and intellectual development by its faculty.

The AACSB International specially commended EIU's accounting program for its faculty's dedication and commitment to student learning and success; state-of-the-art physical and technological facilities; an active and supportive advisory board; and an educational environment focused on high quality and continuous improvement.

"Accreditation by the AACSB International is a major event in the distinguished history of the program," said Matthew Monippallil, professor and program director. "It is the external validation of the program's academic excellence and commitment to continuous improvement."